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Applicant : MARBLER et al.
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PACKAGING FILM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please cancel original Claims 1 to 11, and insert new Claims 12 to 41, as follows. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please cancel original Claims 1 to 11.

Please insert new Claims 12 to 41, as follows:

12. A process comprising manufacturing a multi-layer packaging film (10) for an easy-open form of packaging (20) having at least one line of perforations (18, 18') that are provided in a plastic surface layer of the packaging and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film (10) upon tearing open the packaging, including cutting the perforations (18, 18') into a surface layer which is in the

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